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Section 20.20.010 Landmark designation criteria.

A cultural resource may be designated by the City Council upon the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Board as a landmark pursuant to this title if it:

- A. Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural or natural history; or
- B. Is identified with persons or events significant in local, state or national history; or
- C. Embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or
- D. Represents the work of a notable builder, designer or architect; or
- E. Contributes to the significance of an historic area, being a geographically definable area possessing a concentration of historic or scenic properties or thematically related grouping of properties which contribute to each other and are unified aesthetically by plan or physical development; or
- F. Has a unique location or singular physical characteristics or is a view or vista representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood community or of the City; or
- G. Embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation; or
- H. Is similar to other distinctive properties, sites, areas, or objects based on an historic, cultural or architectural motif; or
- I. Reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of park or community planning; or
- J. Is one of the few remaining examples in the City, region, State, or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historical type or specimen. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.011 Cultural resources eligible for landmark designation.

The City Council on the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Board may apply the criteria for landmark designation pursuant to this title to maintain a list of cultural resources eligible for designation as landmarks. Such determinations of eligibility shall be processed in accordance with the landmark designation procedure as specified in this chapter. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.020 Landmark designation initiation.

The designation, repeal or modification of a landmark may be initiated by the Cultural Heritage Board, the City Council, or by any person, organization or entity. Application shall be made upon such forms and accompanied by such data and information as may be required for that purpose by the Cultural Heritage Board so as to assure the fullest practical presentation of the facts for proper consideration of the request. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.030 Landmark designation hearing date.

Upon the filing of a complete application, the matter shall be set for public hearing thereon before the Cultural Heritage Board. The date of such hearing shall be not more than fifty days from the date of filing of the complete application. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.040 Landmark designation hearing notice.

Notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing before the Cultural Heritage Board shall be given by at least one publication of a notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than ten days prior to the date of such hearing and by depositing in the United States mail, postage prepaid, at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing, a notice addressed to the owner(s) of the property being considered for landmark designation and to property owners within the three hundred-foot radius. When the property being considered is not real property, notice shall be given to both the owner(s) and the person(s) in possession of the real property where the object is situated. The last known name and address of each owner as shown on the records of the County Assessor may be used for this notice. Failure to send any notice by mail to any property owner where the address of such owner is not a matter of public record or the nonreceipt of any notice mailed pursuant to this chapter shall not invalidate any proceedings in connection with the proposed designation. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.050 Landmark designation hearing.

A public hearing shall be conducted before the Cultural Heritage Board at the time and place so fixed and noticed. The Board may continue such hearing to a time and place certain when such action is deemed necessary or desirable. The Board may establish rules for the conducting of public hearings. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.060 Landmark designation investigation.

The Cultural Heritage Board shall cause to be made by any of its own members or by the Planning Department such investigation of facts bearing upon such application set for hearing as in the opinion of the Board will serve to provide the necessary information to assure Board action consistent with the intent and purpose of this title. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.070 Landmark designation process.

The Board may recommend to the City Council the designation of a landmark, in whole or in part if, based on the criteria set forth in Section 20.20.010 of this title and the facts presented in connection with the application. The Council on the recommendation of the Board

shall find that the site, landscaping, place, buildings, structure, street, improvement, street furniture, sign, work of art, natural feature or other object has special historical, archaeological, cultural, architectural, community, aesthetic or artistic value in the City and that the purpose of this title is maintained by such designation. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.080 Landmark designation resolution.

A landmark shall be designated by a numbered resolution of the City Council, the draft of which shall be reviewed and forwarded to the Council by the Cultural Heritage Board, which provides facts and findings based on the criteria for designation as set forth in this chapter and receives the affirmative votes of a majority of the members then present and voting. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.090 Notice of landmark designation.

Notice of the designation of a landmark by the City Council shall be transmitted to the departments of Planning, Park and Recreation, Fire, Public Works, and Development, the building division of the Planning Department, the real property services division of the City Manager's Office, the Office Redevelopment Agency of the City, the Assessor and the Recorder of Riverside County, and any other interested departments and governmental and civic agencies. Each City department and division shall incorporate the notice of designation as a landmark into its records, so that future decisions or permissions regarding or affecting any landmark made by the City or an official of the City will have been made with the knowledge of the landmark designation, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in this title. Whenever any project to be carried out by the City may have an impact on a designated landmark, reasonable notice shall be given to the Cultural Heritage Board by the City department or division responsible for the project, so that the Cultural Heritage Board may review and make recommendations concerning the project early in the decision making process in accordance with the provisions of this title. Pursuant to the State of California's requirements, the City Clerk shall record all designating resolutions in the office of the Riverside County Recorder. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.100 Appeal of Board's recommendation on application for landmark designation.

Any person aggrieved or affected by a recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Board for the designation, repeal or modification, denial of an application for a landmark designation may appeal to the City Council at any time within fifteen calendar days after the date upon which the Cultural Heritage Board announces its decision. An appeal to the City Council shall be taken by filing a letter of appeal, in triplicate, with the Planning Department. Such letter of appeal shall set forth the grounds upon which the appeal is based. Within ten days after the receipt of the letter of appeal, the Planning Department shall transmit to the City Council the letter of appeal, copies of the application and all other papers constituting the record upon which the action of the Board was taken. The City Clerk shall give notice of hearing upon the appeal in the same manner and time as is required in connection with an application before the Cultural Heritage Board as set forth in Section 20.20.040. The date of such hearing upon the appeal shall be not more than thirty days from the date of filing of the appeal. Upon the hearing of such appeal, the City Council shall by resolution affirm, reverse or modify the recommendation of the Board. The provisions of this title regulating landmarks shall be effective from the date of the initial recommendation on the landmark application and shall become final only after City Council action. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

Section 20.20.110 Repeal.

The City Council with the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Board shall consider a repeal of a previously approved landmark designation in the same manner provided by this chapter for the designation of landmarks if the resource no longer meets the designation criteria found to apply due to the subsequent discovery of information on the significance of the resource or destruction of the resource by a catastrophic event. (Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)